AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.   (Currently Amended) A ~~computer-implemented method for gathering data service request concepts in a client-server environment, the~~ method comprising:

formulating, by a client device, a vendor-agnostic data service request to be fulfilled by one or more vendors, said formulating including

~~self-providing on a client device, a client-side feature tree having a plurality of concepts;~~

[[self-]]depicting, [[on]] by the client device, a first set of user interface components corresponding to one or more of [[said]] concepts of a feature tree having a plurality of concepts,;

[[self-]]facilitating, by ~~a user of~~ the client device, a user in ~~selection~~selecting [[of]] a first user interface component from [[said]] the first set of user interface components ~~to traverse said client-side feature tree,[[;]] and

~~self-depicting on the client device, a second set of user interface components corresponding to one or more of concepts traversed to in said client-side feature tree;~~

~~self-facilitating by a user of the client device, selection of a second user interface component from said second set of user interface components;~~

[[self-]]forming, [[on]] by the client device, a ~~combined-~~concept set comprising at least the one or more concepts corresponding to said first user interface component ~~and said second user interface component~~;

sending, by the client device, the vendor-agnostic data service request to a framework service adapted to determine the one or more vendors to fulfill the request or to further provide the request to a service providing server capable of determining the one or more vendors to fulfill the request; and

receiving, by the client device, from the framework service, a solution set including service responses from the one or more vendors to the request.

2.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said ~~combined~~ concept set comprises XML descriptions of said ~~combined~~ concepts.

3.   (Cancelled)

4.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [[3]] 1, further comprising dynamically adding ~~additionaly~~ additional concepts to ~~said client-side~~ the feature tree in ~~response to~~ based at least in part on ~~submitting said combined concept set~~ the solution set.

5.   (Cancelled)

6.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [[5]] 1, ~~wherein said client-side data~~ further ~~comprises~~ comprising retrieving, by the client device, data describing said first user interface component.

7.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [[5]] 1, further ~~wherein said client-side data comprises~~ comprising retrieving, by the client device, data describing possible values for said concepts.

8.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said ~~combined~~ concept set is formed as a traversable structure with accessible concepts.

9.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 8, further comprising accessing said ~~combined~~ concept set at one of said accessible concepts.

10.   (Currently Amended) The method of 9, wherein said formulating further ~~comprising~~ comprises ~~creating~~ forming a new ~~combined~~ concept set by facilitating

a user in selecting a ~~third~~ second user interface component corresponding to an alternate concept.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium containing computer executable instructions for programming a client device with communication capabilities for perform the actions of the method of any of Claims 1-[[3]] 2, [[5]] 4, 6-10, and [[8]] 14-15 on the client device.

12. (Currently Amended) An apparatus having a processor and a memory coupled to each other, and the memory containing computer executable instructions operative to perform the actions of the method of any of Claims 1-[[3]] 2, [[5]] 4, 6-10, and [[8]] 14-15.

13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus having a communication interface, a processor, and a memory coupled to each other, and the memory containing computer executable instructions operative to perform the actions of the method of Claims 1, wherein the apparatus is a wireless mobile phone, further comprising a communication interface.

14. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said formulating comprises said facilitating, by the client device, the user in selecting the first user interface component to traverse said feature tree, and further comprises
    depicting, by the client device, a second set of user interface components corresponding to the one or more of concepts traversed to in said feature tree, and
    facilitating by the client device, a user in selecting a second user interface component from said second set of user interface components,
wherein the concept set additionally comprises at least the one or more concepts corresponding to said second user interface component.

15. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising rendering, by the client device, a second set of user interface components corresponding to the solution

set including the one or more vendor service responses to the vendor-agnostic service request.